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removing the solution from the cell, tissue or organ.

9. (Amended) A method for the cryopreservation of living systems by vitrification comprising:
adding the solution of claim 2 to said living system; and
cooling said living system to a desired temperature.
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ELECTION

The communication mailed September 23, 2002 set forth a Restriction Requirement, requiring an election among two different inventions defined as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-7; and

Group II: Claims 8-9

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-7, drawn to a cryoprotectant solution, for examination. The election is made without traverse.

REJOINDER of GROUP II

Applicant notes that upon allowance of the Group I claims, rejoinder of the Group II claims as amended would be appropriate. The Group II claims are process claims which depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the product Claim 2, included in elected Group I. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that these claims as amended in this response be rejoined upon the allowance of Claim 2.

CONCLUSION

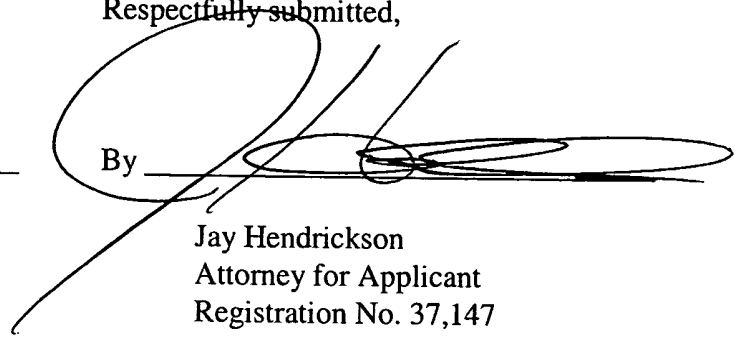
As a result of the amendments made herein, Claims 1-7 remain pending. Rejoinder of Group II claims, i.e. Claim 8-9, is appropriate upon the allowance of Claim 2. Should any clarification be needed, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number appearing below.

Respectfully submitted,

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